

JANUARY 18, 1833.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported the following bill:

## **A BILL**

For the better organization of the General Post Office Department, and adjustment of the salaries of its officers and clerks.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That,*  
3 from and after the third day of March next, there shall be  
4 appointed by the President, with the consent of the Senate,  
5 an Auditor of the Post Office department, whose duty it shall  
6 be to receive all accounts arising in said department, and re-  
7 lating thereto, and to examine and certify their balances; and  
8 his certified report, admitted and approved by the Postmaster  
9 General, shall be the authority for all payments made under  
10 the powers of the Postmaster General, provided for in the act  
11 entitled "An act to reduce into one the several acts establish-  
12 ing and regulating the Post Office Department," approved  
13 March third, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five:  
14 and shall, once in three months, transmit to the First Comp-  
15 troller of the Treasury a quarterly statement of all the re-  
16 ceipts and expenditures of said department: he shall, moreo-

17 ver, report to the Postmaster General official forms for all ac-  
 18 counts and reports; he shall file and preserve all accounts and  
 19 vouchers after their settlement; he shall make report to the  
 20 Postmaster General, on all business confided to him, whene-  
 21 ver required; and shall perform such other duties in relation  
 22 to the financial concerns of the department, as may be as-  
 23 signed to him by the Postmaster General.

1        SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Au-  
 2 ditor shall be empowered to administer oaths or affirmations  
 3 to witnesses in relation to the examination of accounts com-  
 4 mitted to his charge; and shall be entitled to frank and receive,  
 5 free of postage, letters and packets, under the same regula-  
 6 tions provided, by law, for other officers of the Government.

1        SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Auditor  
 2 appointed by virtue of this act, and the Assistant Postmasters  
 3 General, shall each receive a salary of three thousand dollars  
 4 per annum.

1        SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That, from and after  
 2 the thirty-first day of March next, so much of the acts here-  
 3 tofore passed, as have authorized the employment of clerks  
 4 and messengers by the Postmaster General, be repealed; and  
 5 that the Postmaster General, from and after that period, be,  
 6 and he is hereby authorized to employ in the General Post  
 7 Office, including the Auditor, one chief clerk, whose compen-  
 8 sation shall not exceed two thousand dollars per annum; five

9 clerks, whose compensation shall not exceed sixteen hundred  
10 dollars, each, per annum; eight clerks, whose compensation  
11 shall not exceed fourteen hundred dollars, each, per annum;  
12 fourteen clerks, whose compensation shall not exceed twelve  
13 hundred dollars, each, per annum; twenty-eight clerks, whose  
14 compensation shall not exceed one thousand dollars, each,  
15 per annum; ten clerks, whose compensation shall not exceed  
16 eight hundred dollars, each, per annum; two messengers, whose  
17 compensation shall not exceed seven hundred dollars, each,  
18 per annum; and three assistant messengers, whose compensa-  
19 tion shall not exceed three hundred and fifty dollars, each,  
20 per annum. And no additional compensation, beyond the se-  
21 veral sums herein specified, shall be allowed to any officer or  
22 clerk appointed by virtue of this act, for extra or additional  
23 service.